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**Worship Hours**

**Monday - Saturday** 8:00AM Mass  
**Saturday** Vigil Mass 5:00PM  
 Reconciliation 3:45PM - 4:30PM  
**Sunday** Mass 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 6:30PM  
 Holy Days 8:00AM and 7:00PM

**This Week at Our Parish**

**Monday, April 29**

7pm Centering Prayer - Church

**Wednesday, May 1**

1pm—7pm Wednesday Night Suppers

**Thursday, May 2**

*No Choir Rehearsal*

**Saturday, May 4**

Gardening 11am - 1pm

**Sunday, May 5**

Coffee hour after the 8am & 10am Masses

MHR Library is open after the 8am & 10am Masses

**Daily Readings: April 29 - May 5**

- ◇ Monday: Acts 4:23-31, Jn. 3:1-8
- ◇ Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37, Jn. 3:7b-15
- ◇ Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26, Jn. 3:6-21
- ◇ Thursday: Acts 5:27-33, Jn. 3:31-36
- ◇ Friday: 1Cor. 15:1-8, Jn. 14:6-14
- ◇ Saturday: Acts 6:1-7, Jn. 6:16-21
- ◇ Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41, Rev. 5:11-14, Jn. 21:1-19

**Stewardship**

April 13 & 14

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| Saturday 5pm -     | \$671.00    |
| Sunday 8am -       | \$666.00    |
| Sunday 10am -      | \$1,844.00  |
| Sunday 6:30pm -    | \$406.00    |
| Outside Mass -     | \$749.79    |
| Online Giving -    | \$609.08    |
| Collection Total - | \$4,945.87  |
| Budgeted -         | \$5,000.00  |
| Easter to date:    | \$10,723.00 |

Thank you for your amazing support!

**This weekend** there is a second collection for African American & Native American Home Missions.  
**Next weekend** there will be a second collection for the MHR On-going Maintenance Fund.

**Fr. Matt's Message**

Reflecting on God's Diving Mercy

On this Second Sunday of Easter, also known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, we are invited to reflect more deeply on God's merciful love. Curiously, this Sunday has had several other names in times past. It is the **Octave**, or Eighth Day of Easter, it was also called Low Sunday, perhaps to contrast it with the great feast that happened just one week ago. It may be called **Thomas Sunday**, especially among Eastern Christians, or **Quasimodo Sunday** and **Quasimodogeniti**, and not from the character in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," but because of the first Latin words of the entrance verse, which referred to the newly baptized as "Quasimodo," translated - newborn babes. On 30 April 2000, this day was designated as **Divine Mercy Sunday** by Pope St. John Paul II. Another name for this Sunday is **Dominica in Albis**, or **post Albus**, when those newly baptized Christians put aside their white (albis) baptismal robes or albs, and blend in with the community, ready to assume their places with the rest of the church.

This particular ancient name leads us to our old friend, Doubting Thomas in the Gospel for today. Thomas felt left out. He had not been blended in with the rest of the disciples when they saw the Risen Lord and so he wants to see proof that Jesus has risen from the dead. Thomas is just echoing the all-too-human cry for proof and certainty. Of course there is no such thing as absolute certainty about matters of faith. Faith, as defined in Paul's letter to the Hebrews is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (11:1).

I sometimes wonder why Thomas insisted that he had to touch Jesus. Maybe he knew of his own need for healing touch. He had witnessed people healed by touching or being touched by Jesus, even by simply touching the hem of his robe, so strong was their faith. But Thomas' faith was weak. His mind and thoughts were clouded by doubt, his heart heavy and broken by grief. Jesus' touch would make him whole and well again.

Our human hearts are healed by the presence of another who understands human pain. "The wounds of Jesus were visible. They help us to recognize our own wounds and to find healing for them. This is the Divine Mercy of God" (St. Faustina, Divine Mercy Sunday).

Jesus said to Thomas, "Thomas, you believe in me because you have seen me and touched me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." I wonder if this was a gentle, little jab at Thomas for his stubbornness. More importantly, it was meant as an encouragement to all who believe. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, this Octave of Easter, this day when our sisters and brothers set aside their albs or white robes, I recall the words of another Thomas, "Mercy consists of bringing a thing out of non-being into being" (St. Thomas Aquinas). **Continues:**

### **MHR AIDS Support Group**

**Facilitated Support Group:** A professionally-facilitated support group for people with HIV/AIDS meets Thursdays from 1:30 to 3PM weekly here at MHR. There are currently openings for new members. If you are looking for a safe space to talk about what is going on in your life, this may be the group for you. For more information or to register, please call 415-863-6259 XT10 or email [pete-asg@mhr.org](mailto:pete-asg@mhr.org).



**Visitors Needed:** Volunteers normally spend 2 hours/week visiting the client in his/her home or going for walks. **There are currently 3 men in need of a visiting volunteer:**

**A Client in the Mission** - a friendly man with a small dog is looking for a **Spanish-Speaking** volunteer for company.

**A Client in Park Merced** – a man who is looking for someone to play chess and go to movies.

**A Client in the Western Addition** – a man with a partner and a small dog is looking for a friendly visitor.

**For more information on these clients and their needs, please call the Support Group at 415-863-6259 or email [pete-asg@mhr.org](mailto:pete-asg@mhr.org)**

#### ***Continued:***

We are called to make the absent present. I believe we are called to embody mercy; to actually *be* mercy, bringing mercy into being when and where mercy is needed. Thank you enough for the many ways you do that every day. In these Easter days know of my deep gratitude for the many ways you contributed to the beauty of our celebrations of Holy Week, Triduum and Easter. Thank you to all of you for your prayers, your presence, your song, your many gifts. As your pastor, I am humbled and deeply grateful. Thank you.

Easter blessings and all good,  
*Fr. Matt*

I will be in Kansas City this week with my Precious Blood Community for our annual Assembly. Please hold us in prayer as I keep you always in my prayers. Thank you!

### **Why Easter Lilies?**

The Easter season carries with it several legends and folklores about the lily and its religious significance. The Easter Lily is the traditional flower of Easter and is highly regarded as a joyful symbol of elegance, beauty, spirituality, hope, and life.

Known to Christians as the “white-robed apostle of hope,” the Easter lily has also been a religious symbol since the birth of the Christian religion. The flower is even mentioned in the Bible quite a few times. It is said that when Eve shed tears of remorse as she and Adam left the Garden of Eden, white lilies sprang up where her tears fell.

***Lilies continues:***

### **Community Life**

- **Annual MHR Parish Retreat Registration** – Sundays through May 5<sup>th</sup> in Ellard Hall after 8am and 10am Masses **OR** email [retreats@mhr.org](mailto:retreats@mhr.org) for a retreat registration form. The retreat takes place at Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park the weekend of May 17th - 19th.
- **Tuesday, May 7th - Young Adults Meeting** - 7:30pm in the Church - Email [yag@mhr.org](mailto:yag@mhr.org) for information.

#### **Visit us:**

On the web: [www.mhr.org](http://www.mhr.org)

Facebook: **Most Holy Redeemer Church**

Instagram: **mhr Catholics**

### **Our Parish Community Birthdays**

Keith Gatto, Ann Sulit, Charles Banales, Isa Burke, Deidre Ryan-Booth, Philip Solodkin, Theresa Orndorff, Philip Buonadonna, Pat Harber, John Felicetti, Ed Pon, Steven Allen and Ronald Rizzi.

#### ***Lilies continued:***

Every year, on the first Sunday after the first full moon, churches are filled with beautiful Easter lilies. Churches at Easter time grace the altars and surround the cross with Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This importance rests even more clearly on a legend that the blood of Jesus, as it fell from the cross, was by a miracle transformed into flowers which filled heaven and earth. The flower retells the resurrection story with its life cycle. These snow white flowers symbolize new life and hope.

The bulbs of these flowers buried in the ground represents the tomb of Jesus and the glorious white trumpet-like fragrant flowers which grow from the bulbs symbolize His life after death. The snowy white color stands for the purity of the Divine Savior and the joy of the resurrection while the trumpet shape signifies Gabriel's trumpet call to rebirth and new life.

The statues of St. Joseph and St. Anthony of Padua here at Most Holy Redeemer are both depicted with lilies. Parishioners often bring flowers to adorn our Saints and Easter always brings with it the beautiful and fragrant lily.

Easter lilies are admired as a symbol of motherhood and the Virgin Mary. In artwork, she is often depicted receiving a bundle of white lilies from the angel Gabriel at Jesus' birth, and the flowers were said to have been found in her tomb after her death.

The most famous biblical reference to the Easter lily is when Jesus told his followers, “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: They toil not, neither do they spin; and yet ... Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” Many churches today continue the long-held tradition and commemorate the resurrection of Jesus by adorning their altars with beautiful white Easter lilies.

## **Mass Intentions**

*Our Mass celebrants will remember the following intentions during the celebration of the Eucharist:*

### **Saturday April 27**

8am Rita Balchikonis †

5pm Frank Hand †

### **Sunday, April 28**

8am Teresita Deza (L)

10am MHR Parishioners

6:30pm Van Burgess †

### **Monday, April 29**

8am Dorothy Weiss †

### **Tuesday, April 30**

8am Veronica Zukowski †

### **Wednesday, May 1**

8am Marne Humbert †

### **Thursday, May 2**

8am Merwyn Malpat †

### **Friday, May 3**

8am Frank M. Dougherty †

### **Saturday, May 4**

8am Joan Coleman †

5pm Vita Briones †

*Contact the Parish Office at 415-863-6259 to have Mass celebrated for a special intention or sponsor the weekend altar flowers.*

## **Prayer Requests**

Frances Alvarez, AJ Anderson, Bill Anderson, Jesusa Ayala, Christine Betz, Chuck Bold, Sally Cahur, Gustavo Diaz, Joshua Daigle, Antonia Divinagracia, Marilyn Faulk, Carol Fink, Zane Fisher-Paulson, Margaret "Peg" Gleeson, Dorothy Geoghagen, John Gutierrez, Joseph Hargadon, Sr. Nadine Hargadon, Patricia Hargadon, Lin Ivory, Carol Klufts, Bernie Maddox, Marshall Mah, Paul A. McAuliffe, Sebastian MacLean, Fr. Andrew Metcalfe, Joe Molina, Daniel O'Sullivan, Nancy Otchy, Hugh & Colleen Pettis, Sunder Sachdev, Eric Schleicher, Gabriela Schultz, John Schwobeda, Audrey Simmons, Gerald Soto, Christine Lane Tracy, Geneva Toms, Fr. Kirk Ullery, Rich Warren, Billy Wong, Ryan Zuniga, †Kenan Osborn†, †Shirley Titchenal† and †Rich Wannert†.

## **MHR Parish Registration**

- New parishioner?
- Birthday, Anniversary, sacraments, milestones?
- Notices and announcements?
- Have you moved?
- *Did we miss your birthday? We are sorry if we did. Let us know when your birthday was, by updating your information with the Parish Office*

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